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1. ETHIOPIAN HERALD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, ANNOUNCED THAT JUDGES HAVE BEEN SWORN IN FOR THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL WHICH WILL TRY FORMER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON CORRUPTION AND OTHER CHARGES. THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT THE GRAND PALACE IN THE PRESENCE OF LT. GEN. AMAN ANDOM, CHAIRMAN EMAC, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

2. MILITARY TRIBUNAL, ACCORDING TO HERALD, WILL BE CONSTITUTED OF SUPREME COURT LEVEL AND DISTRICT LEVEL JUDGES, ALL OF WHOM ARE OFFICERS SELECTED FROM ARMED FORCES, POLICE AND TERRITORIAL ARMY. TOTAL NUMBERS OF JUDGES AND TRIBUNALS IN REFTEL. ARTICLE ALSO CONFIRMS THAT THERE IS NO RPT NOT APPEAL AGAINST THE VERDICT OF THE SUPREME MILITARY TRIBUNAL. (HOWEVER, DEPT WILL BEAR IN MIND THAT EMAC CAN EXERCISE PARDON POWER.)

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3. GENERAL AMAN ADDRESSED JUDGES AFTER SWEARING-IN CEREMONY AND REMINDED THEM OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO THE PEOPLE AND HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY WHICH THEY BEAR AS RESULT OF BEING SELECTED FOR THIS POSITION. HE CONTINUED THAT THEY SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THEY ARE ACTING ON BEHALF OF IMPOVERISHED MASSES IN TRIAL OF FORMER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO WRONGED ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE. FURTHER, UNDER FORMER REGIME, CONSTITUTION AND PARLIAMENT WERE USED AS LEVERAGE TO ENLARGE DICTATORIAL POWER AGAINST WISHES OF PEOPLE. LAW MUST NOW BE USED TO SERVE THE PEOPLE, NOT TO SUPPRESS MASSES. AMAN CONTINUED, SAYING THAT ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE WERE ANGRY AT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO ABUSED THEIR AUTHORITY AND ENTIRE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE AND ARMED FORCES AWAITING TRIBUNALS' VERDICT. HE MADE FURTHER GENERAL REMARKS ON PHILOSOPHY OF ETHIOPIA TIKDEM AND URGED MEMBERS OF TRIBUNAL TO PERFORM DUTIES WITH CONVICTION AND TO RESIST ANY DECISION DICTATED BY SENTIMENT. "THE PEOPLE WILL JUDGE YOU ON THE DECISIONS YOU MAKE."
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